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U.S. Representative ED ROYCE REPORTS

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Dear Friend:

Retirement security continues to be one of the most important issues facing many Americans. That is why I voted for a bill to fix the outdated federal pension laws, give workers new protections and freedoms to safeguard their retirement savings and insist on greater accountability from corporate America, with penalties for scofflaws.

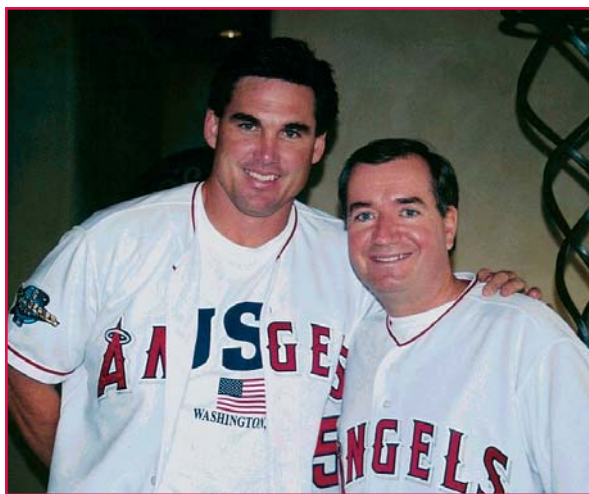
Also, I supported the House-passed bill to provide a prescription drug benefit for seniors. This plan is affordable, voluntary and will lower drug costs. Not only will it provide a lifetime prescription drug benefit, it will also strengthen and improve Medicare.

This Congress has worked hard to improve education by giving parents new options and educators new tools. As we strive to leave no child behind, schools have been funded at record levels. I will continue to work to give teachers and parents more say in their child's education.

As you know, I remain committed to ensuring that the government takes less out of your paycheck so you can spend it as you see fit. Some of the much-needed tax relief I supported in the House includes making permanent the adoption tax credit, marriage tax relief and death tax relief.



Royce earned the Lifetime Achievement award from the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) for his leadership in authoring anti-stalking and victims' rights legislation. ATAP's president Greg Boles, anti-stalking and victims' rights advocate Kathleen Baty and Rhonda Saunders of the L.A. District Attorney's Stalking Department presented him with the award.



Royce talks with Anaheim Angels' outfielder Tim Salmon after the Angels won the 2002 World Series. In honor of the ball club's achievement, Royce sponsored a congressional resolution congratulating the Angels on their first World Series title

I voted for a defense bill that helps defend our homeland, supports our military personnel with a pay raise and funds the equipment our troops need to fight the war on terrorism.

Finally, you are invited to attend the annual open house on Monday, December 2nd from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Fullerton office located at 305 North Harbor Boulevard, Suite 300 (see map). As always, please contact me any-time at (714) 992-8081 with your thoughts or concerns and be sure to take note of

the changes in mail delivery. Your mail will be received more quickly if you post it to the Fullerton district office.

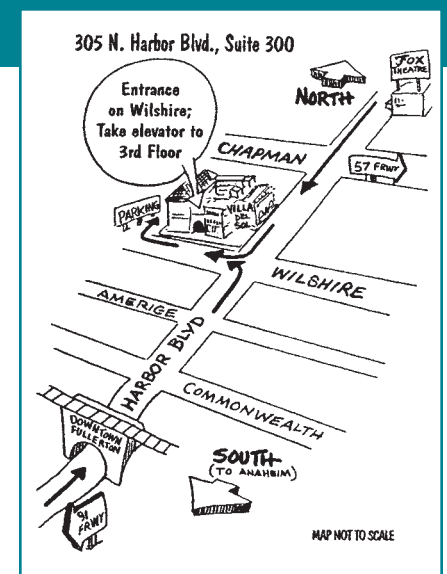
Sincerely,
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Open House

Fullerton District Office
Come to talk about issues
and ask questions

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ROYCE TAKES FIGHT AGAINST CANCER TO CAPITOL HILL

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States and a major health concern for millions of people across our country. This year alone, 1.2 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer. In September, Representative Royce, whose father is a cancer survivor, and eight American Cancer Society volunteer ambassadors from the 39th district took the fight against this deadly disease to the nation's capital.

Participating in "Celebration on the Hill," he and the ambassadors gathered on the National Mall with thousands of supporters, survivors and caregivers from around the country to share stories about how their lives have been touched by cancer. "By empowering all those affected by cancer and celebrating cancer survivorship, we can encourage early detection, and raise awareness for the need for more research," Royce said, also noting that since 1997, Congress has increased funding for cancer research by \$1.7 billion.

When the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" was in town, Royce spoke with 39th District ambassadors Hattie Anderson of Cerritos; Barbara Bamaba of Lakewood; Jennifer Walker of Whittier; and Ruben Gonzalez, Arlene and Steven Hoffman, Nancy Lean, and Trudy Sargent of Fullerton about the importance of cancer research.

As Congress has done for years, it added funds to the Fiscal Year 2003 Defense Appropriations bill for cancer research: \$150 million for breast cancer and \$85 million for prostate cancer. Fortunately, increased research has led to more successful treatment options and cancer victims have higher survival rates if detected early.



At the American Cancer Society's "Celebration on the Hill" on the National Mall, Royce talked with Steven Hoffman and Trudy Sargent, both of Fullerton, about the necessity of increased cancer research.

Los Alamitos School Awarded Prestigious "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence"

Honored for their excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, parental involvement and student achievement, the Oak Middle School in Los Alamitos was awarded the 2001-2002 "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence" distinction by the United States Department of Education. Representative Royce commended the entire Oak Middle School community for their hard work and dedication upon receipt of this prestigious honor.

Before the House of Representatives, in honor of Oak Middle School's fine achievement, he noted, "I can think of no school more worthy of this award than the Oak Middle School, which under the excellent leadership of Principal James

Elsasser, consistently produces well-educated, well-rounded students."

As only one of the select few secondary schools in the country to receive this award, representatives from Oak Middle School came to Washington, DC in October. They met with Royce and participated in a two-day conference with U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige.

According to the Department of Education, the winning schools completed a thorough examination and application process. All the schools share several characteristics including: a clear vision and sense of mission; a challenging, up-to-date curriculum; policies and practices that ensure a safe campus conducive to learning; evidence of family involvement; and a commitment to help all students achieve high standards.

"Clearly, this is a team effort with the goal of giving our children the best education possible in a safe, productive environment. By earning this award Oak Middle School has joined the many

other schools from Southern California who have been recognized for their academic excellence in the past," he said. Royce cosponsored President Bush's comprehensive No Child Left Behind [H.R. 1] legislation to reform our nation's schools by focusing on results.

Update on Status of Mail Delivery

Last year's anthrax attacks disrupted mail to Royce's Washington, D.C. office. Currently, all mail is irradiated in an offsite screening facility, and letters bound for all congressional offices in Washington, DC take about 3-4 weeks for delivery. In addition, packages or larger deliveries are permitted on a very limited basis, even from companies like FedEx or UPS.

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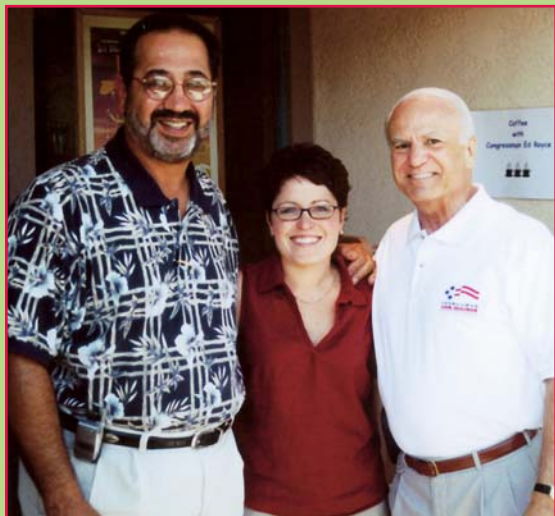
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At Royce's "Coffee with the Congressman" in Brea, his district director Jennifer Cowen talks with Brea's mayor Marty Seminoff and councilman John Beauman about current legislation being debated by Congress.

ROYCE PUSHES NATIONAL AMBER ALERT SYSTEM

Representative Royce supported the Child Abduction Prevention Act [H.R. 5422], which overwhelmingly passed the House. This legislation includes the AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert bill originally cosponsored by Royce, as well as stronger penalties against kidnapping, an elimination of the statute of limitations for child abduction and sex crimes and a denial of pretrial release for those who rape or kidnap children.

"Having a child brutally taken from their home or the playground is every parent's worst nightmare, and these children deserve every chance of being returned home safely," he said.

As we witnessed this past summer, AMBER plans have worked to bring abducted children home safely. An AMBER Alert was sent out to a number of states to search for 10-year old Nicole Timmons of Riverside, California. The alert was not only delivered throughout California but also in neighboring states and Nicole was found in Nevada. What if Nicole's abductor went to an area that did not have an AMBER Alert system?

"Speed is essential when trying to rescue an abducted child. According to the federal government, three out of four children who are kidnapped and murdered are killed within three hours of their initial abduction. We need a coordinated nation-wide effort so that abducted children trans-

ported across state lines do not fall through the cracks," he said.

Currently, there is no national coordination. In fact, only 18 states have statewide plans. When an AMBER Alert is activated, it does not go off in every state in the nation. Instead, the alert is targeted locally, regionally or statewide. A system is needed to ensure that all areas have plans and that neighboring states and communities are able to honor each other's alerts when an abductor is traveling with the child to other parts of the country.

Through coordination between law enforcement officials and members of the broadcasting media, the AMBER Alert Plan works by sending an emergency alert to the public when a child has been abducted. Several high profile child abductions and recoveries have recently demonstrated how successful the AMBER Alert Plan can be - to date, the AMBER Alert has been credited with recovering over 30 children.

In addition to establishing a position within the Department of Justice, the bill would provide grants on a 50-50 matching basis to update technology and provide training to law enforcement for the purpose of disseminating alerts. The Senate has passed similar legislation.

"Without a national, coordinated effort once an abductor crosses state lines or leaves a broadcast-



A long-time advocate for victims' rights, Royce spoke at a press conference announcing a bill to facilitate a nation-wide AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert program. He is an original cosponsor of the legislation to expand the child abduction communications and warning network throughout the United States.

ing region, our system is as vulnerable and helpless as the child who has been taken. An alert is effective only when everyone works together, and by having someone in the Department of Justice to facilitate coordination we can assure proper implementation at all levels and in every region of the country," said Royce.

September 11th Remembered



The one-year anniversary of September 11th was remembered across America and Southern California in a variety of memorials to honor the 3,000 people who were senselessly murdered on American soil. It was a day to remember the families who are still grieving, as well as celebrate the millions of Americans who have come forward to help these families.

On the one-year anniversary, Representative Royce attended a ceremony at the Pentagon. He joined President Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and Pentagon employees to honor those that were lost on American flight 77, and those who were working in the Pentagon. "It was a touching ceremony. At the same time it was encouraging to see that the Pentagon had been completely rebuilt - in less than a year. The workers charged with reconstructing the Pentagon set a goal to have their work completed in that time. I think that says something about the American spirit in what was a troubling year," he said.

Across Orange County, communities organized memorial ceremonies. "Over the last year, many Americans have come to better appreciate their neighborhoods. I hear this often in our cities and towns as I travel around the district," he reflected. "By coming together on September 11th, we honored those who died and those who helped the suffering - some through brave acts, many through quiet acts of compassion. We celebrated the sense of community that should not need tragedy to grow."

Congress Addresses Security Threat

Representative Royce, a senior member of the House International Relations Committee, supported the bipartisan resolution giving the President authority to disarm Saddam Hussein. Secretary of State Colin Powell has said the resolution will help him forge an international coalition to disarm the Iraqi regime.

The case against Saddam Hussein is well known. He has invaded Iran and Kuwait. He has tried to assassinate a former U.S. President. He has attacked his own people with poison gas. "The Iraqi dictator's past acts of aggression suggest he will use weapons of mass destruction. Saddam's willingness to use these weapons and his ongoing efforts to develop new pathogens leads me to support our President's efforts to disarm this cruel dictator," Royce said.

Expressing particular concern about Iraq's attempts to obtain nuclear weapons, he said, "During our International Relations Committee hearings we learned that Saddam could have his first nuclear weapon within a few months after he gets his hands on 40 pounds of highly enriched uranium. I know from testimony before my Africa Subcommittee of several poorly guarded uranium facilities in Africa and Central Asia as well as traffickers who would sell most anything for cash.

"During our deliberations we also learned about a biological agent called aflatoxin, which causes liver cancer. Children are particularly vulnerable to the agent. Back in 1995, Saddam admitted to UN weapons inspectors that Iraq had weaponized this deadly biological agent. Inspectors later discovered two missile warheads armed with aflatoxin. It is vitally important to realize who we are dealing with - weapons inspectors must be readmitted into Iraq to disarm Saddam Hussein."

Humanitarian of the Year Award



Royce, joined by his wife, Marie, received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from Episcopal Service Alliance's chairman of the board Dr. Peter Wilkinson. Royce's Radio Free Afghanistan legislation became law earlier this year. It offers an alternative to the Taliban hate radio that has been heard by explaining liberty, tolerance, political pluralism, democracy, and women's rights.

ROYCE PROVIDES SERVICES TO HIS CONSTITUENTS

Representative Royce has the pleasure of assisting his constituents through a variety of services. Below is a brief summary of the various constituent services available. As always, please contact him at (714) 992-8081 or visit his website at www.house.gov/royce for more information on these and other services.

Visiting Washington, D.C.

Reservations can be obtained to many popular sights in Washington D.C. Be sure to contact Royce as soon as you have the dates set for your trip to Washington D.C., as many places book quickly. Submit your request online or contact him.



U.S. Flags

Royce is able to assist you with having a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol building to mark a special event or to honor someone. For more information contact him or fill out the online form to make a flag request through his website.

U.S. Military Academy Appointments

Each year appointments to the five United States military service academies (U.S. Military/West Point; U.S. Naval Academy/Annapolis; U.S. Air Force; U.S. Merchant Marine; U.S. Coast Guard) can be obtained through Royce. If you are interested, please contact him as soon as possible, as the nomination and application processes are highly competitive and very detailed.

Help with a Federal Agency

By acting as a liaison on your behalf, Royce may be able to assist you with a problem you may be having with a federal agency. If you are having difficulty with a federal agency, please submit a written request including details about your case or visit his website to print the form online to expedite your request.

Email Updates

Each week, a weekly email update is available for those who sign up. If you would like the latest news and information from Congress, and notices about activities in the district, visit the website to sign up.

Local Students Welcomed

This past summer, Representative Royce had the honor of welcoming several talented college students to his Washington D.C. office to learn about Congress first hand. Five outstanding individuals from the 39th District were selected, including Angel Brewer of Cerritos, Stephanie Howard and Dave Lauder of Fullerton, Ray Shih of Whittier, and Gretchen Bowman of Cypress.

"Interns are bright, motivated college students who are interested in learning more about our government or who would like to get involved in public service. I encourage as many students as possible to take advantage of this unique and invaluable experience," he said.

The congressional interns researched legislative issues; attended congressional hearings and briefings; conducted guided tours of the Capitol building; and participated in a unique summer lecture series offered by the House of Representative. Angel Brewer said, of her internship experience:

"This summer was the most intellectually challenging of my life. Congressman Royce gave me amazing opportunities to see first-hand the inner workings of the American political system as well as explore specific policy interests. When I was picked to pose a question to Secretary of State Colin Powell on the House floor, I just about fainted! In that single moment, I truly realized the value of my summer congressional internship. What a dream come true for this politically inclined 18 year old! I felt like I was a vital part of an energetic and efficient team, and everyone in the office made me feel at home. This internship was the most rewarding and enlightening thing I've ever done."

Internship opportunities are competitive and require students to apply as early as possible. As they begin to build their careers, internships provide an invaluable experience to college students, and all are encouraged to apply. Opportunities are available year round in both the Fullerton and Washington, D.C. offices. For more information contact him or visit the website.



Outside the U.S. Capitol Building, Royce joins this year's summer congressional interns. Each year he welcomes bright, motivated college students into both the Fullerton, CA and Washington, DC offices to learn first-hand about our government. To apply contact him or visit his website.



Thomas Carroll of La Habra Heights was one of 72 young men and women selected to serve as a Page for the U.S. House of Representatives

this fall. Pages are high school juniors hired by the House to live, work, and study in Washington, DC for a full school year or for one of two summer sessions. For more information on this program, contact Royce or visit his website.

Be sure to visit our web site at <http://www.house.gov/royce> to learn about other issues which may affect you.



At the Cal State Fullerton Department of Nursing Partnership Celebration Royce talks with Dr. Cindy Greenberg, Dr. Cheryl Canary, and Linda Fahey about the Nurse Reinvestment Act which was signed into law this year with his support. This legislation will make certain there is a strong pool of talented nurses, avoiding a nursing shortage by encouraging careers in nursing and promoting nursing education through scholarships.